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Mr. Willie Wells  
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Aguadilla P.R.

Dear Willie:

I would have answered you sooner, but I had to go to Phila. on some business, and I decided to see Gottlieb while I was there, and see if he would trade Brown. I decided to wait until I had an answer for you. Well first of all, Gottlieb wants a left handed pitcher who can play outfield as badly as we do. Their team was pretty weak last year, and they really need a lot of men. They want Clarkson very much. Want to make a straight out trade, Clarkson for Patterson. They might give Barney for Hill and a couple other men. Maybe Johnson and Christopher. They would like to make a trade for Benson, if he wants to come to us. Personally, I think we will have a pretty fine club with Pearson, Dandridge, Wells and Clarkson in the infield, and Stone Davis and Irvin in the outfield. Matthews on the bench.

There is another thing we must give a lot of thought to, the draft. I have written all the boys to find out what their status is in the draft. I don't think many of them really have been classified. You spoke of trading Brown. I think you should see him before you make up your mind about him. He looks like a very fine prospect. He is married and has a child. This might help to keep him out of the draft. He can play outfield better than a lot of the regulars, and is a pretty good hitter. Also very young.

Our pitching staff is really very good, with enough men to be able to keep Day on the staff, we should be in pretty good shape. Day, Hill, Hoobgood, Hooker, Manning, and Brown. and the team you have in mind, we really should go some place.

Tell me what you think about Patterson for Clarkson, and if you would want to give Hill and some one else for Barney Brown.

There is another boy we have not spoken of. He looked like a really grand prospect. He was beamed and has been a great deal slower since. However I still think he might come around. Then too there is the draft. Of course I would like to keep the payroll down as far as possible, but on the other hand we must be practical.

Let me know as soon as it is decided when you will return. Dandridge isn't here yet.

Very Truly

Effa Manley



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